



Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Anaheim, CA

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the City of Anaheim for a Brownfields Pilot. Anaheim is an ethnically diverse city; its population of 296,586 is 38 percent Hispanic, 10 percent Asian, 2.5 percent African American and 48 percent Caucasian. Sixty-four different languages are spoken within the city.

Anaheim has identified 11 brownfields sites in the city: nine small sites and two large properties. The Pilot will target one of these large properties located near three other cities' borders. The project area is composed of two former landfills on 25 contiguous acres. From 1958-1960, Orange County used the landfills for waste disposal, and in 1968 a mobile home park occupied the property. The mobile homes were relocated in 1985 after years of complaints by residents. A limited Phase II assessment conducted in 1987 indicated soil and groundwater contamination. The Pilot site lies within the city's redevelopment area, and has been identified as a key site for redevelopment due to its proximity to several surrounding cities; it also represents one of the few large development opportunities in the redevelopment area.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Anaheim, California

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Profile: The Pilot targets two former landfills on 25 contiguous acres in Anaheim's Redevelopment Project Area.

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For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

OBJECTIVES

The city's overall goal is to clean up and redevelop properties within the West Anaheim Commercial Corridors Redevelopment Project Area (RPA). The city has targeted the 25-acre Pilot site as the model for future successful brownfields redevelopment within the RPA. As the Pilot area also serves as a gateway to several other surrounding cities, the City of Anaheim recognizes the impact the Pilot will have on the bordering cities of Buena Park, Stanton and Cypress, and plans to facilitate participation by those cities and their communities. Future uses under consideration include new neighborhood facilities for the fire and police departments, commercial development for neighborhood shopping, and new low- and moderate-income housing.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting an environmental assessment at the target site to identify contamination and health risks, and conducting a geotechnical assessment;
- Identifying the cleanup options available and preparing a cleanup plan; and
- Creating a community and business interaction plan to facilitate local participation.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.